

So what's "behavior"? It's action looked at from particular angles, psycho- and socio-. Try a few general and a few technical dictionaries. It's used as a putdown word by parents against children. It makes some folks feel self-righteous and superior to some other folks. It makes human beings bristle when it's used against them in "the socialization process" and in the war of words in peer power-relationships. All that, and intensified when adjectivized into "behavioral"! Then there are the connotative layers of "behaviorism," a term coined in 1913 by J.B.Watson to focus attention on outer human activities and away from "consciousness," which he called "merely another word for the 'soul' of more ancient times" and, in psychology-sociology, not "a usable concept"--so, "the behavioral sciences" (concentrating on the roots and manifestations of action in animals and humans in all conditions ["normal," pathological, exceptional])....While I would not call myself a "behaviorist," I lean that way and against "consciousness" types, for I am biblical rather than brahmamic; but "action" is inner as well as outer, so I speak of "inner behavior" (Hebrew *leb*, "heart") distinct both from outer-visible behavior and from theories and praxes of inner inactivity (Hindu, Buddhist, etc.). My U. of Chicago PhD thesis involved the decisional life, the inner and outer factors and forces in our decision-making and thus our "living," our "behavior" in the stricter sense. [15 articles and cross-references on "behavior" and qualifiers, beginning on p.90 of Leslie E. Hinsie & Robt. Jean Campbell's 4th ed. of PSYCHIATRIC DICTIONARY (Ox/70)!]....I like the Healy-Bronner-Bowers definition: "the sum total of responses to stimuli, internal and external" [whether the responses themselves are internal or external, and thus the following diagram].

INDIVIDUAL BEHAVIOR

"1" is the person's (Hebrew) "heart," (Greek) "soul," (modern) "consciousness"--in both of the fundamental languages of "the West," Hebrew and Greek, "spirit" as the decision-making dimension of the human being. So (Proverbs 4:23) "Out of the heart are the issues of life," and (many passages in Jesus) "heart" and "treasure" are in the same locus....As "1" is the invisible reality of the human being, "2" is the visible, the body in form and action. Psalm 84 beautifully integrates the two: "My heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God!"...."3" is tete-a-tete, heart-to-heart intimacy, as "4" is body-to-body touching (handshaking, sexual intercourse, eyeballing, etc.).

	personal	interpersonal
internal (inner)	1	3
external (outer)	2	4

And here's the other set of behavior dimensions: While "1" in the above grid includes *motives*, "A" in this grid includes *sanctions* (i.e., the societal pressures on us to decide in certain ways; the term used in ethics for both motives and sanctions being *incentives*, all inner-outer persuasive-dissuasive stimuli). Here I think of two of my teachers: (1) Frankl's logotherapeutic insistence that no outer force can deprive us of the freedom and responsibility to select, toward forces playing upon us, the attitude we shall take; and (2) Perls' Gestalt Prayer's "I am not in this world to fulfil your expectations."...."B" is what I do with my body under collective-behavior pressures, "normal" or intensified (example of the latter: a mob)...."C" is how "we," in interpersonal relationship, react/act inwardly ("D," with our bodies) under c.-b. pressures.

COLLECTIVE BEHAVIOR

	personal	interpersonal
internal (inner)	A	C
external (outer)	B	D